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Introduction

This is the twenty first annual report of the Welsh Records Panel (WRP) covering the occurrence of rare and scarce species in Wales in 2017. The table below summarises the number of scarce and rare birds over the past seven years:

	0-1 records	2-5 records	6-10 records	11-20 records	21-50 records	51-100 records	100+ records	Total
2017	0	10	6	10	35	56	19	136
2016	2	6	13	12	34	38	62	167
2015	2	5	2	9	15	13	46	92
2014	2	13	14	11	21	42	73	176
2013	2	11	5	12	14	41	45	130
2012	0	5	4	17	37	49	35	147
2011	0	4	9	10	30	26	72	151
2010	2	7	1	10	33	16	70	137

Although there were no new birds for Wales in 2017 there were some excellent species recorded, including Wales' 2nd King Eider & Myrtle Warbler, 2nd & 3rd Dark-eyed Junco, 3rd Rock Thrush and 5th Red-flanked Bluetail & Olive-backed Pipit. Along with the supporting cast of Caspian Tern, Isabelline Shrike and three different Red-footed Falcons. Five other species / sub-species were added to the Welsh list from previous years, including Thayer's Gull, Elegant Tern, Masked Wagtail, *nivalis* Snow Bunting and Bearded Vulture.

This report follows the taxonomy, names and systematic sequence of the new BOU British List (2017) and includes all those records assessed by the WRP along with those accepted by BBRC (shown in italics). Descriptions of scarce species were received from the County Recorders of all Welsh Counties and occasionally directly from the observers. The report includes many digital photos and WRP welcomes the submission of any photographic evidence but this ideally should be accompanied by supporting evidence. Occasionally the Panel also receives descriptions of other species to assess from County Recorders and Editors - these are not detailed in this report.

WRP would like to thank everyone who submitted records, all the photographers, the County Recorders and everyone else who has helped in the assessment process.

Scarce species (assessed by WRP) are defined as those occurring on average 5 times or fewer annually in Wales. As of 1st January 2017 the full list of species which WRP considers is as follows:

Bean Goose	American Wigeon	Green-winged Teal	Ring-necked Duck
Ferruginous Duck	Surf Scoter	Lesser Scaup	Smew
White-billed Diver	Cory's Shearwater	Great Shearwater	Wilson's Petrel
Red-necked Grebe	Night Heron	Cattle Egret	Purple Heron
White Stork	Glossy Ibis	Black Kite	Montagu's Harrier
Rough-legged Buzzard	White-tailed Eagle	Golden Eagle	Red-footed Falcon
Corn Crake	Spotted Crake	Crane	Stone-Curlew
American Golden Plover	Kentish Plover	Temminck's Stint	White-rumped Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Red-necked Phalarope	Ring-billed Gull
Caspian Gull	White-winged Black Tern	Alpine Swift	Bee-eater
Golden Oriole	Red-backed Shrike	Woodchat Shrike	Bearded Tit
Short-toed Lark	Shore Lark	Red-rumped Swallow	Greenish Warbler
Dusky Warbler	Radde's Warbler	Pallas's Warbler	Barred Warbler
Icterine Warbler	Melodious Warbler	Aquatic Warbler	Marsh Warbler
Blyth's Reed Warbler	Rose-coloured Starling	Nightingale	Bluethroat
Red-breasted Flycatcher	Penduline Tit	Citrine Wagtail	Tawny Pipit
Olive-backed Pipit	Serin	Common Redpoll	Arctic Redpoll
Common Rosefinch	Corn Bunting	Cirl Bunting	Ortolan Bunting
Rustic Bunting	Little Bunting		

Scarce races are considered on the same basis (i.e. all those occurring on average 5 times or fewer annually). However, it is acknowledged that the status, and in some case the identification, of some races is very uncertain. The WRP welcomes well-documented submissions of races that observers consider to be scarce in Wales. Through this process we hope to establish the occurrence of these forms but submissions will probably in most cases require detailed descriptions, photographic evidence and in some cases biometrics or a specimen.

BBRC have requested submission of rare races (see Kehoe, C. 2006 Racial identification and assessment in Britain, *British Birds* 99: 619-645 for extra guidance) and the WRP will forward any claims that are considered sufficiently rare for BBRC to assess. Examples of races for which the WRP would like to receive reports are:

Black Brant Goose – <i>nigricans</i>	Iceland Gull – <i>kumlieni</i>	Common Guillemot – <i>hyperborea</i>
Razorbill – <i>torda</i>	Little Auk – <i>polaris</i>	Great Spotted Woodpecker – <i>major</i>
Grey-headed Wagtail - <i>thunbergi</i>	Siberian Chiffchaff – <i>tristis</i>	Treecreeper – <i>familiaris</i>
Coal Tit – <i>ater</i>	Jay – <i>glandarius</i>	Jackdaw – <i>monedula</i>
Redpolls – <i>islandica</i> / <i>rostrata</i>	Bullfinch – <i>pyrrhula</i>	

The report, in a slightly different format to the past, shows a breakdown of records over the last 50 years as well as the total number of individuals of that species recorded in Wales. Where two records probably relate to the same bird then only one is added to the total, while if two records are only possibly of the same bird, then both are added into the totals. In some cases the figures suggest changes in occurrence in the last twenty years, although it should be noted that some apparent declines may be due, to some extent, to a decline in the habit of observers submitting descriptions or some apparent increases to improved identification criteria and better optics or cameras.

The names that appear after individual records are of those observers who sent in descriptions (if the finder is known then his /her name is included in italics) and are included here to show recognition of the time taken to produce a description and also the observer's commitment to the nationally recognised system of rare bird record assessment, unless there is a specific request that their name is not shown.

The Panel consists of six voting members, in 2017 they were: Steve Stansfield, Bardsey (Chairman), Richard Brown – Skokholm & Pembroke, Mark Hipkin – Gower, Chris Jones – Denbigh, Mike Powell – E. Glamorgan, Robin Sandham – Caernarfon and a non-voting Secretary, Jon Green - Ceredigion. Mark Hipkin stood down due to pressures of work and was replaced by Paul Roberts from E. Glamorgan.

The longest serving member of the Panel retires and a new member is elected annually by the Welsh County Recorders and the Council of the Welsh Ornithological Society. WRP is always on the lookout for new members, anyone who is interested should contact their County Recorder or the WRP Secretary.

Descriptions, photos, videos and any other relevant evidence of WRP species should be submitted as soon as possible after the sighting (WRP description forms are available from the Secretary / County Recorders and downloadable from the WOS Website), preferably via the County Recorder or alternatively direct to the **WRP Secretary: Jon Green, Crud yr Awel, Bowls Road, Blaenporth, Cardigan, Ceredigion. SA43 2AR. (01239 811561)**. The Panel are keen to receive any descriptions or photographs of electronic form, either on disc or by e-mail: welshrarebirds@tiscali.co.uk

Details of records submitted, but not found acceptable or currently pending for information are found in appendix 1.

Systematic List of Accepted Records in 2017

American Wigeon *Mareca americana*

Chwiwell Americana

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
23	1	2	2	8	6	3	1

Breeds North America, winters south to Panama.

Pembroke: male, Gann, 21st Jan – 9th Mar, (B. Southern et al). Photo below by L. Lomax.



Green-winged Teal *Anas carolinensis*

Corhwyaden Asgell - Werdd

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
39	2	2	5	6	16	7	1

Breeds in North America. Only males accepted to date.

Flint: male, Connah's Quay, 6th Feb (J. Rogers).

Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris*

Hwyaden Dorchog

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
43	2	1	7	7	16	6	4

Breeds North America, winters south to Costa Rica.

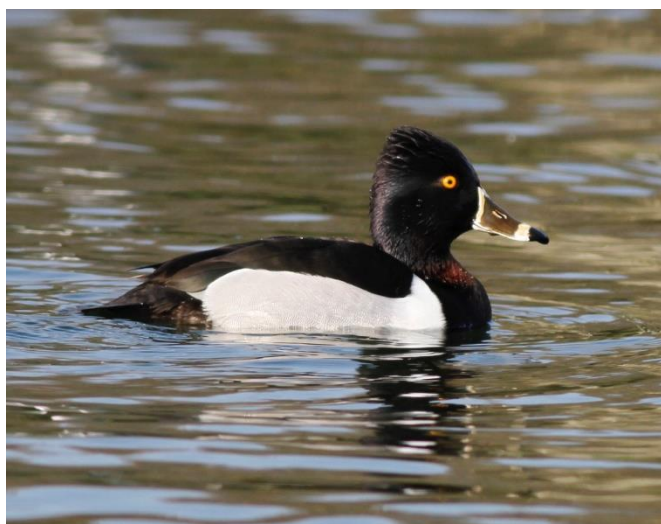
2017 Ceredigion: female, Cors Caron 1st Jan (A. Williams), then Llyn Glandwgan 16th Feb & 4th Mar (E. O'Connor).

2017 E. Glam: male, Cosmeston, 27th Mar, then Cardiff Bay 5th - 17th Apr. Photo below GN Smith.

2017 Brecon: female, Llangorse, 11th Dec (VA King).

2017 Carmarthen: female, Penclacwydd, 12th Dec into 2018 (E. O'Connor). Presumed same as above.

2015 Meirionnydd: male, Llyn Tegid, 8th Mar (J. Dustow).



King Eider *Somateria spectabilis**Hwyaden Fwythblu'r Gogledd*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

Breeds Kanin Peninsula E across Arctic Siberia, including Noyaya Zemlya & W Svalbard, Arctic Alaska, N Canada & N Greenland. European population winters along ice-free coasts of White Sea, N Norway & Iceland.

Ceredigion: immature female, Aberaeron 26th – 29th June (L. Gander et al).
 then Ynyslas 4th July – 22nd Sept (H. Pepper et al), then 9th Nov. until 2018 (RI Thorpe, per County recorder).
 Also seen on the Meirionnydd side of the estuary and at Aberdysynni 26th & 27th Aug.
 Photo below, at Ynyslas by H. Pepper.

The only other Welsh record was of a female, Black Rock, Caernarfon, 28th Jan 1989, later moving as far south as Aberdysynni, Meirionnydd, 29th May – 22nd Sept 1989 and again there the following summer, 29th Apr – 3rd May 1990.

**Surf Scoter** *Melanitta perspicillata**Mor-hwyaden yr Ewyn*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
59	0	3	18	10	10	17	1

Breeds northern North America, winters on the Atlantic coast, south to North Carolina.

Denbigh: up to six males off the north Wales coast from 18th Oct 2016 remained until 20th Feb.
 Returning birds there from 24th Nov.

Carmarthen: male, off Morfa Buchan 4th Jan and presumed same off Marros 19th Dec (T. Phelps).

Gower: immature, off Rhossili, 22nd Jan - 13th Feb (E. Hunter et al).

Caernarfon: male, Great Orme, 29th Apr (M. Hughes), presumed same as Denbigh.

Cory's Shearwater*Calonectris diomedea Aderyn Drycin Cory*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
109	1	4	25	41	25	12	1

A temperate to tropical species, nesting in colonies and rocky islands in the Canaries, Madeira and Azores and through the Mediterranean.

Caernarfon: Bardsey, 24th Aug (SD Stansfield et al).

Great Shearwater *Puffinus gravis**Aderyn Drycin Mawr*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
269	5	5	53	101	61	42	2

Late summer / autumn passage migrant that breeds in the south Atlantic.

Pembroke: off Skokholm, 19th Aug (R. Brown).

Caernarfon: off Bardsey, 26th Aug (NP Barlow).

Red-necked Grebe *Podiceps grisegena**Gwyach Yddfgoch*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

Breeds central Europe, mainly a winter visitor to the UK.

Anglesey: Penmon, 15th – 21st Jan (G. Jones et al).

Soldier's Point, 26th Sept (KG Croft), then Beddmanarch Bay 4th – 15th Oct (A. Davies et al), photo below left.

Gwent: Llandegfedd Res., 7th Apr (C. Constance).

Red-necked Grebe was added to the WRP list as of 1st Jan 2017.

**Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax**Creyr y Nos*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
40	12	2	3	14	6	2	1

Rare visitor to Wales from southern Europe.

E. Glamorgan: adult, Cosmeston, 18th – 19th June (A. Irving et al), photo above right by R. Mithcell.
The last record in Wales came from the same site in 2014.

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis**Crëyr y Gwartheg*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
89	0	0	5	3	24	31	26

Common and widespread in S. Spain & Portugal with small expanding populations in France and Italy.
Northern populations disperse outside the breeding season, mostly into Africa.

- Anglesey: Five increasing to seven, Pont Marquis, Malltraeth, 25th Dec 2016 until 24th Apr. 2017 (JM Jones et al).
One Pont Marquis 15th Nov, increasing to three 26th Nov until the end of the year (D. Wright et al). Possibly including some of the same birds that wintered the year before.
- E. Glam: St. Athan, 12th – 26th Mar (M. Meehan).
Llanwit Major, 4th July (M. Levett)
Ogmore, 13th Aug (NP Roberts)
- Gwent: Newport Wetlands Reserve 18th Mar – 4th Apr., with two there on 4th (K&L Gibbons, B. Thomas, M. Pointon et al).
Magor Marsh 28th Apr – 3rd Apr, then presumed moved to NWR (B. Burgess).
Llandegfedd Res., 16th July (C. Constance, photo G. Vella).
Goldcliff, 20th July (T. Chinnick).
- Pembroke: Nevern Estuary, 10th Dec 2016 until 1st May 2017 (K. Meatyard).
Bosherston, 11th Mar (J. Ray), presumed same April until 8th June (per R. Ellis).
Skokholm 17th July (H. Pickett et al).
St. David's, 8th – 10th Nov (M & J Best).
- Ceredigion: six, Ynyslas, 6th May until 23rd June photos below left by K. Joynes. Also seen on the Meirionnydd side of the estuary and further upstream into Montgomery.
Teifi Estuary, 23rd Nov (R. Dobbins, W. James et al), presumed same Ynyslas 24th Nov into 2018 (A. Williams).
- Carmarthen: Penclacwydd, 28th June (R. Davies).
Penclacwydd, 7th Aug (M. Elliot-Lewis).
- Flint: a pair bred on the English side of the border at RSPB Burton Mere Wetlands, rearing one young. Individuals were often seen on the Welsh side.
Adult, Connah's Quay NR, 13th Aug (P. Haslem), presumed one of the above.



Due to the number of records of this species in Wales over the last ten years, it no longer fits WRP criteria and therefore will drop off WRP list as of 1st Jan 2019.

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea**Crëyr Porffor*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
69	6	14	18	7	8	14	2

Dispersive migrant, from warmer temperate to tropical zones, southern Europe.

Pembroke: Bosherton, 6th May, (B. Southern, P. Grennard).

E. Glam: Kenfig, 13th – 21st May (N. Donaghy), photo below by S. Gunter.

**Rough-legged Buzzard** *Buteo lagopus**Bod Bacsio*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
	-	-	-	5	3	2	0

Breeds northern Norway and Finland.
Winters in Eastern Europe.

2016 Denbigh: Fenn's Moss, 25th Nov
(S. Barlow), photo right.

**Corn Crane** *Crex crex**Rhegen yr Yd*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
60+	-	-	-	38	9	12	2

Breeding bird in Britain, mainly in north & western Scotland and Ireland. Last bred in Wales in 1994.
Table above only from 1991, includes all breeding & passage records.

Pembroke: male calling Bwlch y groes, 26th Aug (D. Briers).

Caernarfon: Bardsey, 19th Nov. (M. Carter).

Spotted Crane *Porzana porzana**Rhegen Fraith*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
43+	-	-	-	22	12	7	2

Rare visitor and occasional breeder – table above only from 1992.

Gwent: NWR, 21st Sept (K. Dupe).

Ceredigion: Teifi Marshes 9th Oct (L. Lomax), photo right.

**Common Crane *Grus grus****Garan*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
56	6	5	10	6	15	10	4

A rare visitor to Wales from Central Europe where it breeds, wintering in southern Europe around the Mediterranean and Africa. Individuals from the Somerset re-introduction not include in the above table.

Pembroke: Goodwick, Fishguard 13th – 14th Feb (per Pembrokeshire blog).
Three over Skokholm, 25th Mar (G. Eagle, R. Brown). Photo below.

Anglesey: three over Dulas on 26th Mar (N. Goldsmith), presumed same birds as above.

From the Somerset Re-introduction scheme:

E. Glam: a pair summered in the Vale of Glamorgan, as per last year.
Six over Leckwith, Cardiff on 25th Sept (SR Howcroft).

Gwent: a pair bred on the Gwent levels but both chicks were thought to have perished.



American Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominica**Corgwtiad Aur*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
18	0	0	2	0	8	4	4

Breeds on coastal tundra from extreme NE Siberia, E across N Alaska and Canada to Baffin Island. Migrates over W Atlantic to wintering grounds in S South America.

2017 Caern: 1st w, Dinas Dinlle, 30th Sept until 1st Nov (M. Jones from website).

2017 Angle: 1st w, Llanfwrog, 1st June (R. Sandham).

2017 Pemb: adult, Gann 27th – 30th May (D. Grimwood).

1st w, Gann, 6th – 15th Oct (D. Grimwood).

2016 Meiri: Broadwater, 30th Oct (D. Anning).



May bird at Gann by A. Bookless.



October juv at Gann by DJ Astins.

Temminck's Stint *Calidris temminckii**Pibydd Temminck*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
62	12	4	9	11	15	7	4

Breeds northern Scandinavia eastwards across northern Siberia. Winters west and central Africa and south Asia.

Gwent: two, Goldcliff NWR,
1st – 14th May, increasing to
three 13th – 14th (J. Marsh).

Anglesey: Cemlyn, 31st May
(T. Westhead).

Ceredigion: Llanon, 18th July (L. Snell),
Photo right.



Broad-billed Sandpiper *Limicola falcinellus**Pibydd Llydanbig*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
10	1	1	2	1	1	3	1

Breeds N Norway, Sweden & Finland & Arctic Russia. Migrates through the E Mediterranean, Black & Caspian Seas to winter Persian Gulf & W India to Sri Lanka.

2017 Anglesey: Llanfwrog & Alaw Estuary, 1st & 2nd May (M. Sutton et al).

2016 Gwent: Goldcliff, 22nd - 23rd Apr (M. Powell et al). Photo below by M. Dowie.

The additional record for 2016, made a total of three birds for that year.

**Buff-breasted Sandpiper** *Calidris subruficollis**Pibydd Bronllwyd*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
63	1	9	20	6	10	16	1

Breeds in Alaska and North-west Canada, winters in northern Argentina and Uruguay.

Caernarfon: Bardsey, 15th – 16th Sept (A. Bennet, SV Hinde et al), photo below.



Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*

Pibydd Cain

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
144	21	21	24	14	34	29	1

Breeds northeast Siberia and northern North America. Winters in southern South America.

Pembroke: juv. Skokholm, 30th Aug (R. Llewellyn, R. Brown et al). Photo below.

**Semi-palmated Sandpiper** *Calidris pusilla*

Pibydd y Llwyd

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
9	1	0	0	1	3	3	1

Breeds on tundra of W Alaska, E across Arctic Canada to S Baffin Island & coastal Labrador. Has bred extreme NE Siberia. Migrates across Great Plains & E seaboard of USA to winter C America & coasts of tropical South America to Brazil & Peru.

E. Glamorgan: Sully Island, Swanbridge Bay, 12th & 13th Aug (M. Meehan et al). Photo right by J. Slocombe.



Long-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus**Giach Gylfin-hir*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
18	1	1	3	3	4	5	1

Breeds primarily in Arctic Siberia where range is expanding W to Lena River delta. North American range restricted to coastal tundra of W and N Alaska, and E to Mackenzie River. Migrates through USA to winter from coastal S USA to N Central America.

Pembroke: Skokholm 1st Nov (R. Brown, G. Eagle). Photo below.

**Red-necked Phalarope** *Phalaropus lobatus**Llydandroed Gyfgoch*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
59	29	4	4	3	12	5	2

Rare breeder in northern Scotland.

Carmarthen: Penclacwydd, 21st – 26th Sept (P. Grennard, C. Gittings).

Pembroke: Skomer, 28th Sept (P. Reufsteck). Photo below.



Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes**Melyngoes Bach*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
23	4	2	2	2	5	5	3

Breeds northern North America. Winters USA south to southern South America.

Carmarthen: Laugharne, 7th – 9th Apr (G. Harper, R. Kitchin)
 Penclacwydd, 20th Sept (G. Charlton, R & RH Davies, W. Thomas) photo by NP Roberts.
 Gower: Llanrhidian, Burry Inlet, 20th Sept – 6th Oct (B. Stewart et al), as above.
 E. Glam: Kenfig, 3rd Sept (N. Donaghy et al).

**Bonaparte's Gull** *Chroicocephalus philadelphia**Gwylan Bonaparte*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
20	1		2	5	5	6	1

Breeds widely across N North America from W and C Alaska through Canada to James Bay. Winters locally on ice-free rivers and lakes in N USA, and S along both coasts of USA to Mexico and Caribbean.

Brecon: Llangorse Lake, 7th Apr (K. Noble et al), photos below.



Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis*

Gwylan Fodrwybig

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
241+	0	18	59+	84+	69+	8	3

Breeds N. America and Canada. Winters south of breeding range to S. Mexico, Gulf of Mexico and on the Great Lakes. This species was on BBRC list from the first UK record at Blackpill in 1973 until 1987. It was only added onto WRP list as of 2011 following declines in Wales and the rest of the UK.

Pembroke: adult, Llys y fran Res. December 2016 until 16th Feb., returning 3rd Dec onwards.
2CY, Gann, 28th Feb – 12th Mar (B. Southern et al), photo below by P. Grennard.

Ceredigion: adult, Aberystwyth, 23rd Mar (E. O'Connor), presumed same Ynyslas 22nd July (B. Beck).
3CY, Ynyslas, 3rd – 31st May (E. O'Connor et al).

The Llys y fran bird has been returning to the same reservoir for the last six years.

It is very difficult to calculate the total number of individuals recorded in Wales, due to returning birds. The table above shows the minimum number of new individuals recorded in each ten-year period, data extracted from BBRC and Welsh Bird Reports. At sites such as Blackpill, where up to a dozen individuals have been observed annually in the past, it is assumed that many birds return in subsequent years (if two adults are reported one winter and four adults the following winter, then only two new individuals were added to the total, however all immatures were assumed to be new individuals unless commented upon in WBR).

The grand total of 241 Ring-billed Gulls is probably well short of the true number that have occurred in Wales. There has been a distinct drop in the number of this species occurring in Wales in the last ten years. Whether this due to a change in observer effort, the reduction of sewage outfalls or a genuine change in arrival patterns from the USA is anyone's guess.



Iceland Gull – “Thayer’s Gull” *Larus glaucooides thayeri*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970’s	1980’s	1990’s	2000’s	2010-2016	2017
1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

Breeds Canadian arctic from Banks Island to S. Ellesmere & Baffin Island, South to N. Southampton Island & NW Greenland. Winters on Pacific coast of North America from British Columbia south to California & N. Mexico.

2014 Gower: 2CY, Burry Holm, 4th – 19th January (B. Stewart et al).
Photo below left by P. Parsons, right by M. Hipkin.

This represents the first Welsh record and the 6th accepted UK record.



Caspian Gull *Larus cachinnans*

Gwylan Caspia

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970’s	1980’s	1990’s	2000’s	2010-2016	2017
4	0	0	0	0	0	2	2

Ceredigion: 1st w, Llanrhystud, colour-ringed, 19th – 28th Mar (E. O’Connor et al), photo below left.
Pembroke: 1st w, Nevern Est., same individual as above, Newport, 12th July (S. Baxter et al),
Denbigh: 1st w, RSPB Conwy, 13th May (M. Hughes), photo below right.

The first records for Wales came in 2014 at Gresford Flash, Denbigh in early December 2014, followed two days later by one at Cosmeston, E. Glamorgan. The Ceredigion / Pembroke bird was originally ringed at Brandenburg, Germany on 6th June 2016.



Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*

Morwennol Fwyaf

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
11	1	2	3	3	1	0	1

European population breeds Baltic coasts of Estonia, Sweden & Finland o head of Gulf of Bothnia. European birds winter W Africa to Gulf of Guinea.

E. Glam: Kenfig Sands & Pool, 25th June (A. Bevan, JP Hunt, P. Parsons et al).
Kenfig Pool 24th July (N. Donaghy), presumed same as above. Also seen at Crymlyn Burrows, Gower.

Carmarthen: Penclacwydd 26th -29th June, returning 3rd – 6th July and again 24th July (W. Thomas et al).

The same individual is thought to have also visited Avon, Buckinghamshire, Derbyshire, Norfolk, Northampton and Yorkshire during its summer tour of the UK. Photo below by J. Slocombe.

**Royal Tern** *Thalasseus maximus*

Morwennol Fawr

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0

Following a review by BBRC / BOU, the Kenfig Pool, E. Glamorgan, record on 24th November 1979 is now the 1st record for the UK. The only other Welsh record was in Caernarfon 15th & 20th June 2009. The Kenfig bird was of the American race *S. m. maxima*, the only one attributed to that race in the UK and a potential split in the future.

Elegant Tern *Thalasseus elegans*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

Breeds in colonies on the Pacific coast of California, USA, Gulf of California, Mexico. After breeding disperses north along Pacific coast, most winter South America, south of Equator.

2002 Meiri / Caern: Porthmadog, 23rd – 26th July (KH Jones, RI Thorpe et al). Photo below.
Also seen in Hampshire, Dorset, Sussex and Norfolk. The acceptance of this record faced a considerable delay with BBRC due to uncertainty of the structure and timing of the same bird in Devon. However, a DNA study published in the Journal of Ornithology in 2016 proving the species' presence and breeding in France is likely to have encouraged a final decision.

**White-winged Black Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus****Corswennol Adeinwen*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
40	7	13	3	8	3	5	1

Breeds from Hungary and Bulgaria eastwards through Asia. The Western Palearctic population winters in Africa south of the Sahara.

Pembroke: 1st w, Strumble Head, 27th Aug (D. Flack, R. Stonier).

Bee-eater *Merops apiaster*

Gwybedog y Gwenyn

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
65	10	8	10	5	14	17	1

Scarce visitor from Mediterranean Europe.

Anglesey: Hen Borth, 14th May (M. Sutton, D. Wright). Photo below by JM Jones.

**Red-footed Falcon** *Falco vespertinus*

Cudyll Troedgoch

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
24	7	6	5	2	1		3

A rare visitor which breeds in warmer central Europe and Asia, wintering in sub-tropical savannah and grassland of Africa.

Anglesey: male, Alaw Est., 6th – 7th May (M. Sutton), photo below left.

Pembroke: male, Strumble Head, 11th – 13th May (per Pembs blog), photo below right by P. White.

Ceredigion: female Llyn Berwyn, Tregaron, 12th -13th June (C. Bird et al).

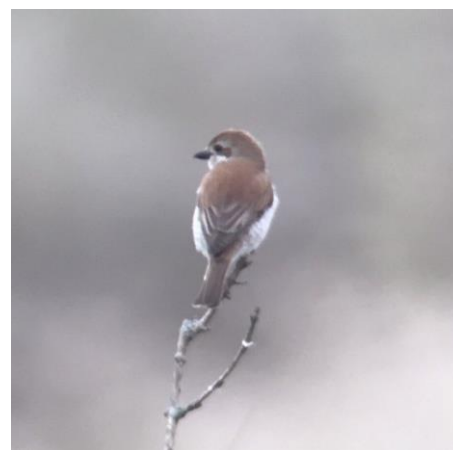


Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio**Cigydd Cefngoch*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
85+	-	-	-	31	37	14	3

Breeds throughout most of mainland Europe. Table above shows data from 1991 onwards.

2017 Gower: female, Cwm Ivy 25th May - 26th June (EA Hunter et al) photo from web below right.
 2017 Anglesey: adult male, Llanfwrog, 27th – 28th May (M. Sutton), photo below left.
 2017 Caernarfon: female, Bardsey, 30th May (BJ Porter, SD Stansfield et al).
 2016 Caern: adult male, Pentrefelin 4th June (A. Taylor).

**Daurian / Turkestan Shrike** *Lanius isabellinus/phoenicuroides**Cigydd Gwdw*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
8			1	3	2	1	1

Four races breed widely but discontinuously in C Asia, from Caspian Sea and W Iran through Kazakhstan to Tajikistan, Afghanistan and N Pakistan to S Mongolia and NW China, with isolated population from Zaidam depression to N Tibetan plateau. Winters in NE and E Africa, S Arabian peninsula, S Iran and NW Indian subcontinent.

Anglesey: 1CY, Breakwater Country Park, 15th & 16th Oct (KG Croft et al). Photo below by JM Jones.

Apart from a bird at Nine Wells, Pembroke (Oct. 1995) and Porth Clais, Pembroke (Oct 2011), all the others have come from the north, Holyhead (Oct. 1985), Bardsey (Oct. 1996), Cemlyn (July – Aug. 1998), Llanbedrog (Nov. 2003) and Great Orme 22nd Oct. 2006. BOU have recently split Isabelline Shrike into two species, however the view from BBRC is that 1CY birds are almost impossible to specifically identify in the field or using DNA so will go down as Daurian / Turkestan for now.



Woodchat Shrike *Lanius senator**Cigydd Pengoch*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
123	42	12	14	12	15	27	1

Breeds from France and northwest Africa east to Ukraine and southern Iran. Winters in Africa south of the Sahara.

Gower: 2CY male, Frog Moor, Reynoldston 26th – 29th Aug (RHA Taylor, JN Edwards, B. Stewart et al).

**Golden Oriole** *Oriolus oriolus**Euryn*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
113+	-	-	-	52	37	23	1

Scarce visitor from Mediterranean Europe. Table above shows data since 1990, extracted from Welsh Bird Reports. This species was added to WRP list in 2007.

Caern: 2CY+ Male, Bardsey 5th May (SD Stansfield), photo below.



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Jackdaw *Corvus monedula*

Jac y do

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
23	-	-	-	-	-	21	2

Accepted records of individuals showing characteristics of the Nordic form *C. m. monedula*, include:

Pembroke: two Stackpole 13th Nov (B. Haycock).

The panel is not certain whether these records relate to genuine Scandinavian birds or whether the plumage characteristics they show are within normal variation for British Jackdaws. Therefore, the panel requests as many photographed records as possible to try to solve this dilemma.

Bearded Tit *Panurus biarmicus*

Titw Barfog

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
-	-	-	-	-	8	5	1

Resident in the UK (mainly the south east). Irruptive. Individuals have bred for the last five years at the Uskmouth reed-beds of the Newport Wetland Reserve. Due to annual dispersals, descriptions are only required by WRP for records away from Gwent & E. Glamorgan. Totals above do not include the breeding population in Gwent.

Montgomery: Dolydd Hafren, 31st Jan – 15th Feb (C. Johnson).

Shore Lark *Eremophila alpestris*

Ehedydd y Traeth

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
80+	-	-	-	66	9	4	1

Table above included data from 1991 onwards.

Anglesey: South Stack 27th Mar (KG Croft).

Red-rumped Swallow *Hirundo daurica*

Gwennol Dingoch

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
26	0	3	7	4	5	6	1

Breeds Iberia, southern France and northwest Africa; Balkans east to Japan and south to Sri Lanka; central Africa. The Western Palearctic population winters in Africa, south of the Sahara.

2017 Gwent: NWR, 28th Mar (DM Spittle) photo left taken off website.

2014 Pemb: two over Poppit Beach, 4th May (D. Hastings). Photo below right.



Siberian Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita tristis*

Siff-saff Siberia

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2007 - 9	2010-2016	2017
56+	-	-	-	-	6	44	8

Scarce autumn and overwintering visitor. Range and distribution little understood but occurrences appear to be increasing. The table above only shows data from 2007, when this form was added to the WRP list.

2017 E. Glam:

Cardiff Bay, 27th Dec 2016 onwards (G. Stamp et al), increasing to two birds in Jan. 2017, last reported 25th Mar.

Trefounder, 1st & 11th Feb (J. Owen).

Kenfig, 6th Dec (E. Hunter).

2017 Brecon: Brecon Sewage Works, 15th Jan until 24th Feb (K. Noble), photo right.

2017 Caern: Bardsey, 26th Oct (E. Perfect).

2017 Denb: Abergele, 1st – 11th Feb (R. Sandham).

2017 Pemb: Skokholm, 28th -31st May, DNA confirmed identification (R. Brown et al).

Two, Skomer 17th Nov (E. Stubbings et al).

2016 Gower: Middleton 30th Oct (E. Hunter)

Middleton 3rd Nov, different individual to above (E. Hunter).



Due to the number of records of this sub-species in Wales over the last ten years, it no longer fits WRP criteria and therefore will drop off WRP list as of 1st Jan 2019.

Western Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus bonelli*

Telor Bonelli

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
14	5		1		2	5	1

Breeding range centred on SW Europe from Iberia to N France, S Germany, Italy, Austria, and locally in mountains of N Africa. Winters along S edge of Sahara, from Senegal and S Mauritania to N Cameroon.

Pembroke: Skokholm, 24th Sept (R. Brown, S. Westerberg, T. Wiffen et al). Photo below.



Western / Eastern Bonelli's Warbler

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
4	2	0	0	1	0	0	1

Pembroke: Skomer, 30th - 31st Aug (S. Purdon, E. Stubbings).

This bird did no call and therefore, although Western was suspected, Eastern cannot be ruled out.

Raddes Warbler *Phylloscopus schwarzi**Telor Radde*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
11	1	0	1	1	4	2	2

Breeds in S Siberia from Novosibirsk region E to Ussuriland and NE China. Migrates through E China to winter in N Burma, Indochina and C Thailand.

Pembroke: Skomer, 20th Oct (L. Newman), photo below left.

Skokholm, 26th Oct (G. Eagle, R. Brown), photo below right.

**Pallas's Warbler *Phylloscopus proregulus****Telor Gwyrdd*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
48	0	1	7	11	11	17	2

Breeds from southern central Siberia, east to Sea of Okhotsk, also Himalayas. Winters Himalayan foothills, northern south-east Asia.

2017 Caern: Bardsey, 18th Apr (E. Perfect), photo right.

Bardsey, 7th May (M. Carter).

2016 Gower: Middleton, 3rd Nov (E. Hunter).

The 2nd Bardsey bird had been ringed the previous autumn at Spurn, Yorkshire.



Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides*

Telor Gwyrdd

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
28	4	1	2	5	1	14	1

A vagrant, breeding in E Europe and Asia.

Pembroke: Martin's Haven, 24th Sept (DJ Astins, B. Southern). Photo below by B. Southern.

This represents only the second record on the Welsh mainland, the other coming from the Great Orme, Caernarfon in 2012. All the others have come from Bardsey (11), Skokholm (3) and Skomer (5).

**Melodious Warbler** *Hippolais polyglotta*

Telor Per

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
223	70	32	38	27	26	28	3

Breeds northeast Africa, Iberia, France, Switzerland and Italy. Winters in Africa, south of the Sahara.

Pembroke: St. David's Head, 1st – 2nd Sept (M. Young-Powell).
 Skokholm, 28th Sept – 8th Oct (S. Woolfenden, R. Brown et al), photo below.
 Skomer, 17th – 18th Aug (B. Bueche, E. Stubbings).



Marsh Warbler *Acrocephalus palustris*

Telor y Gwerni

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
26	4	1	4	4	6	6	1

A small population breeds in south England. Main breeding grounds are in Eastern Europe.

2017 Pembroke: Skokholm, 2nd June (R. Brown et al), photo below.

2016 Meirionnydd: Dinas Farm, Llanbedr, 11th June 2016 (P. Stancliffe).

**Barred Warbler** *Sylvia nisoria*

Telor Rhesog

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
103	21	5	12	18	22	25	2

Breeds from north Italy, Germany and south Sweden eastwards to Mongolia. Winters northeast Africa south to Kenya and southern Arabia.

2017 Pemb: Skokholm, 24th – 25th Sept, trapped & ringed (R. Brown et al), photo below.

2017 Caern: Great Orme, 28th Sept (H. Cook).

2016 Gower: Mewslade, 6th Oct (E. Hunter).



Subalpine Warbler sp.

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
62	1	3	11	18	17	11	1

Breeds SE Europe from Slovenia & S. Croatia to Greece and W. Turkey. Winters Sahel from Senegal to Sudan. The table above summaries all the Welsh records of Sub-alpine Warbler up until BOU split the species into three, then those that are indeterminate afterwards. WRP / BBRC is reviewing all records where photographs exist to try and come to a consensus of these records. WRP assesses all records of Subalpine Warbler, those that can be sub-specifically identified are then assessed by BBRC.

Caern: female type, Great Orme, 14th May (M. Hughes).

Eastern Subalpine Warbler *Sylvia canillans cantillans* / *albistriata**Telwr Brongoch*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
13					3	8	2

Breeds SE Europe from Slovenia & S. Croatia to Greece and W. Turkey. Winters Sahel from Senegal to Sudan.

2017 Pemb: Skomer 20th Apr. (E. Stubbings).
Photo right.

Skomer, 8th May (J. Boulter,
E. Stubbings et al).

2008 Caern: Bardsey, 13th – 27th May
(MG Archer, SD Stansfield).

**Rose-coloured Starling** *Sturnus roseus**Drudwen Wridog*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
110	17	5	4	17	39	25	3

Breeds from Hungary and Balkans east to Kazakhstan and southern Iran. Occasionally irrupts west in summer. Winters in the Indian region.

Gower: adult, Gowerton, 6th - 11th June (J. Slocombe), photo below.

Pembroke: juv. Roch, 12th – 14th Nov (R. Mullett), presumed the same, moving about the county amongst Starlings, as a juv at St. Florence, 26th – 30th Nov (P. Varallo).



Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica*

Bronlas

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
48	10	9	6	9	9	1	4

Migrant, breeding in Arctic / Alpine to cool temperate zones of Europe (white-spotted race) and Scandinavia (red-spotted race).

Gwent: Kilgeddin, 5th – 6th Oct (S. Roberts).

Uskmouth, 14th Oct (R. Clarke, V. Thomas).

Ceredigion: 1st CY / female, Teifi Marshes, 31st Aug (R. Dobbins, W. James et al), photo below right.

Pembroke: male, Skokholm 27th May (R. Dobbins, W. James et al). Photo below left.

**Nightingale** *Luscinia megarhynchos*

Eos

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
42+	-	-	-	26	8	7	1

Rare passage migrant. Data in table above from 1991.

Caernarfon: Bardsey, 6th Oct. (T. Grose).

Red-flanked Bluetail *Tarsiger cyanurus*

Cynffonlas Ystlysgoch

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
5	0	0	0	0	1	3	1

Small population breeds NE Finland but main range extends through cool temperate forests of N Eurasia from E Russia & Siberia to Kamchatka, N Japan & NE China. Winters S China, Taiwan & S Japan through SE Asia to N Peninsula Thailand. Distinctive race *rufilatus* of Himalayas & W China, sometimes treated as distinct species, descends to lower elevations during winter.)

E. Glam: imm/female, Wern Ddu, Caerphilly, 26th Jan – 21st Feb (A. Cripps et al).

The first Welsh record was on Bardsey in 2007, with that island claiming one more in 2015. The others were on Skomer in 2010 and on the Great Orme in 2016. This species has now dropped off the BBRC list onto the WRP list. Photo below J. Packer.



Red-breasted Flycatcher *Ficedula parva*

Gwybedog Brongoch

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
198	38	34	49	24	24	28	1

Breeds from southern Sweden south to Austria and Bulgaria eastwards across Siberia. Winters in Pakistan, India and southeast Asia.

Pembroke: 1st cy, Skomer, 27th Oct (E. Stubbings), photo below.



Rock Thrush *Monticola saxatilis**Brych y Graig*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
3	0	0	2	0	0	0	1

Gwent: 1CY+ male, Pwll Du Quarry, 12th Oct – 3rd Nov (J. Marsh et al). Photo below by T. Chinnick.

The only previously accepted records were from Ynyslas, Ceredigion on 21st June 1981 and at Llyn Alaw, Anglesey 4th – 6th June 1986.

**Siberian / Stejneger's Stonechat** *Saxicola maurus / stejnegeri*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
10	0	0	5	3	0	1	1

Breeds European Russia, south to Caucasus & Caspian Sea region, winters in NE Africa, Arabian Peninsula SW Asia to N India. Stejneger's breeds Siberia east of Siberian Stonechat and winters NE India and S China.

Pembroke: 1CY+, Skomer 2nd Nov (L. Newman, E. Stubbings).

BBRC are now accepting Siberian Stonechat on DNA evidence, all other records will go down as Siberian / Stejneger's.

Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola**Sigllen Sitraidd*

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
10	0	0	0	0	3	6	1

Breeds in small, scattered colonies through S & E Europe from Iberia to Poland. Numerous & widespread from N Black Sea E to W Kazakhstan, with Volga/Ural River complex holding most of European population. Winters tropical W & C Africa & from Nile Delta to E Africa. Other populations in Indian subcontinent, E Asia, S Africa & Australia.

Caernarfon: female, Morfa Madryn, 6th - 7th May (M. Hughes), photo below.

The first Welsh record was on Skomer in 2000, since then four have been on Bardsey, three at RSPB Conwy, one at Cemlyn and one at Brecon. This species has only recently dropped off BBRC list onto WRP list.

**White Wagtail – “Masked Wagtail *Motacilla alba personata*”**

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

Breeds Central Asia from Uzbekistan & South Kazakhstan to NW China and winters south of breeding range from South Arabian Peninsula, S Iran to N & NE India.

2016 Pembroke: adult (2CY+) 29th Nov – 26th Dec, Camrose (J. Hudson, et al).
Photo below by B. Haycock.

Accepted as the first record of this race in Britain.



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Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni*

Corhedydd Gwyrddgefn

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
5	1	0	0	0	3	0	1

Pembroke: St. Brides, 22nd – 25th Oct (DJ Astins). Photo below by M. Hipkin.

The first British record was on Skokholm April 1948, since then there have been records from Skomer in 2001 & 2002 and on Bardsey in 2003. The above record was the first on the Welsh mainland. OBP has only recently dropped off BBRC list onto WRP list.

**Common Redpoll** *Carduelis flammea*

Llinos Bengoch

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2002-9	2010-2016	2017
41+	-	-	-	-	25+	9	7

The table above only shows records from 2002 onwards.

Caernarfon:
six, Great Orme, 8th Apr (M. Hughes).

Bardsey, 11th Apr (E. Perfect), photo right.



Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus*

Llinos Goch

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
157	6	8	26	42	38	36	1

Breeds central Europe, spring and autumn migrant to UK.

Pembroke: imm/f Skomer, 22nd – 26th June (E. Stubbings, L. Newman, JW Moss).

Snow Bunting *Plectrophenax nivalis nivalis*

Bras y Eira

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
5	-	-	-	-	-	5	0

2012 Anglesey: one male + 4 female / immatures, Soldier's Point, 25th Nov. (K. Croft, M. Hughes, R. Sandham).

This represents the first documented occurrence of this race in Wales. The panel believes that this race occurs quite frequently in Wales but is rarely recorded due to the difficulty in sub-specific identification.



Male bird

One of the female / 1st w.

Myrtle Warbler *Dendroica coronata*

Telor Tin-felin

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

Breeds North America from Alaska east throughout Canada to Newfoundland, south to Michigan and Massachusetts.

Pembroke: singing male, Skokholm, 18th June (G. Eagle, R. Brown et al). Photo below.
The only other Welsh record was also from Pembroke, this time from Ramsey 31st Oct – 4th Nov 1994.

**Dark-eyed Junco** *Junco hyemalis*

Jynco Llygeitu

Welsh Total	Pre 1970	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010-2016	2017
3		1					2

Breeds North America from N Alaska & N Canada south to California, N Texas and N Georgia.

Pembroke: Skomer 7th - 8th May (B. Hannaford, L. Newman, D. Perry, E. Stubbings) photo below.
Meirionnydd: Dolgellau, 12th May (A & M Slater).
The only other accepted Welsh record was on Bardsey, 25th Apr – 3rd May 1975.



Presumed Escaped / Re-introduced

Bearded Vulture *Gypaetus barbatus*

2016 Gwent: 2CY, Sudbrook, 12th May (D. Kenward). Later seen in Cornwall and Devon. Photo below.



Assumed to be from the reintroduced population in the alps, also seen in Belgium on 9th May.

Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos*

Ceredigion: individual still present in the mountains above Tregaron. Photo below by CM Jones.



APPENDIX I - List of records that were deemed NOT PROVEN

Many of the records were not accepted because the Panel/BBRC were not convinced, on the evidence before us, that the identification was fully established. Only in a very few cases were the Panel satisfied that a mistake had been made.

Species	Site	County	Date
Great Shearwater	Strumble Head	Pembroke	12/11/2017
Spotted Crake	Gronant	Denbigh	2/08/2017
Corn Crake	Sealand Range	Flint	4/8/17
Red-necked Phalarope	Pen y fan	Brecon	25/04/2017
Temmick's Stint	Morfa Madryn	Caernarfon	26/01/2017
Great Snipe	Borth Bog	Ceredigion	29-30/5/17
Crag Martin	Lake Vyrnwy RSPB	Montgomery	25/5/17
Black-eared Wheatear	Margam Moors	Gower	18-19/10/17
Black-headed Wagtail	S. David's	Pembroke	8/5/16